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SUBJ: SYRIAN REACTION TO SINAI AGREEMENT OCT 11

1. DOMESTIC. OCT 11 PRESS REPORTED THAT POPULAR RALLY  
HELD OCT 9 IN DEIR AL-ZOR AT WHICH SPEAKERS CONDEMNED  
SINAI AGREEMENT.

2. FOREIGN: PRESS REPORTED BOUTEFLIKA SPEECH BEFORE  
UNGA IN WHICH ALGERIAN FONMIN STATED AGREEMENT WAS  
UNBALANCED AND NOT DIRECTED TOWARD MAINTAINING PALESTINIAN  
RIGHTS.

PRESS HIGHLIGHTED STATEMENT OF KAMAL AL-DIN RIF'AT,  
DESCRIBED AS ONE OF JULY 23 EGYPTIAN REVOLUTION LEADERS,  
WHO ATTACKED AGREEMENT IN MEETING AT AYN SHAMS UNIVERSITY  
IN CAIRO. HE CLAIMED THAT DESPITE EGYPTIAN MEDIA  
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STATEMENTS ALLEGING EGYPT HAD ENTERED THREE WARS

FOR SAKE OF PALESTINIANS, EGYPTIAN YOUTH SHOULD KNOW  
THAT "WE WERE NOT DEFENDING THE PALESTINIANS BUT  
DEFENDING OURSELVES."

PARIS CONFERENCE OF WORLD FEDERATION OF UNIONS CONDEMNED  
AGREEMENT AS "AMERICAN IMPERIALIST PLAN TO RESTORE  
AMERICAN INFLUENCE IN REGION, LIQUIDATE PALESTINE QUESTION  
AND ABORT ARAB NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT."  
PRESS NOTED THAT "AS RESULT OF AGREEMENT", BRITISH MINISTER  
FOR TRADE ANNOUNCED HIS GOVERNMENT OPPOSED ARAB BOYCOTT  
OF ISRAEL.

AL-THAWRAH FRONT-PAGED ISRAEL'S SIGNING OF AGREEMENT  
IN JERUSALEM AND TERMED IT PLOY TO SECURE EGYPTIAN  
RECOGNITION OF HOLY CITY AS ISRAELI CAPITAL. ARTICLE  
ALLEGED THAT "SIGNING IN JERUSALEM MAY BE ONE OF  
SECRET CLAUSES." ALSO NOTED SENATE AGREEMENT TO  
DISPATCH TWO HUNDRED AMERICAN TECHNICIANS. FACT THAT  
AMENDMENT LIMITING TERM OF TECHNICIANS TO TWO YEARS  
REJECTED BY SENATE INDICATED THAT "SENATE WANTS SINAI  
AGREEMENT TO REMAIN IN FORCE PERPETUALLY." REPORT ADDED  
THAT SENATE REFUSAL OF AMENDMENT TO PROHIBIT USE OF  
AMERICAN FORCES TO RESCUE TECHNICIANS IN CASE OF WAR  
"MEANS THAT U.S. HAS FULL RIGHT TO BRING IN  
WHATEVER FORCES IT DESIRES INTO SINAI AND TO ENTER WAR  
AGAINST THE EGYPTIAN FORCES ON PATTERN OF VIETNAM  
AND SOUTH KOREA."

AL-THAWRAH REPORTED AFP DISPATCH NOTING SECRETARY'S  
STATEMENT REITERATING THAT U.S. REFUSES TO NEGOTIATE  
WITH PLO "UNTIL IT ADMITS PRESENCE OF ISRAEL AND  
ACCEPTS SC RES. 242 AND 338.Z

3. COMMENTARY: AL-THAWRAH COLUMNIST COMMENTED ON EVENTS OF  
PAST FEW DAYS "WHICH THROW ADDITIONAL LIGHT ON SIZE OF  
SURRENDER OF EGYPTIAN GOVT TO ZIONIST ENEMY:" ISRAELI  
SIGNING OF PROTOCOLS IN JERUSALEM, WHICH OBSERVERS  
CONSIDER ONE OF SECRET CLAUSES AIMED AT GAINING  
EGYPTIAN RECOGNITION OF JERUSALEM AS ISRAELI CAPITAL;  
REJECTION BY AMERICAN CONGRESS OF AMENDMENT TO LIMIT  
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TERM OF AMERICAN TECHNICIANS IN SINAI WHICH "GIVES  
IMPRESSION THAT CONGRESS WANTS AGREEMENT TO BE ETERNAL;"  
AND EVENTS IN LEBANON CONCERNING WHICH "MOST OBSERVERS  
AGREE THAT PARTIES TO AGREEMENT WERE ACTIVE PLANNERS,  
BECAUSE IT IN THEIR INTEREST TO CREATE EXPLOSIVE  
SITUATION IN REGION IN ORDER TO REDUCE ARAB REACTION TO  
AGREEMENT."

ANOTHER COLUMNIST CRITICIZED EGYPT FOR IMPOSING "BLACK-  
OUT" ON NEWS OF SECRET AGREEMENTS AND CLAUSES.  
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